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Cols column. de Col VK2CTD

After breakfast next day we left by the motel car for a nominal fee, driven by a native employee. The natives did most of the work. I could believe my eyes at the height of the walls of the City, Still over 20 feet high in a perfect circle or so it seemed to my eyes. There was no mortar between the granite stones and yet you couldn't push a penknife into the joints, I know, we both tried. Inside the wall was another wall about 2 metres back, to reach the centre of the City you walked around the path between the two walls until an entrance was found. The entrances were only narrow, it has now been discovered that if any invading tribes made their way over the outside wall the narrow gaps could be easily defended and some were purposely left unguarded to allow the invaders in while the King escaped along another section of the passage. Most of the City was in ruins and most of the houses were the normal straw huts associated with Africa. A huge Bird carved out of soapstone and called the Zimbabwe Bird was found there in the early days of the white settlers and taken to Salisbury, it became the Symbol of the State and remains so to this day. Up above the City was an area known as the Acropolis, granite stone built on granite rock it resembles the Acropolis in Athens. Evidence still existed of Gold refining and for years it was thought that the Portuguese or Arabs had come there, built the City. It was even suggested that it was the long lost fabulous King Solomon's Gold mine. Which made the hair of a young lad stand up.

Archaeologists have now shown that it was built in the 16th Century by the Shona people, the dominant race in Zimbabwe now. The Matable who lived in the southern part of Zimbabwe were fairly new comers themselves. They were in fact Zulu's who had broken away from the main tribe and had fought a tremendous rearguard battle with other Zulus all the way from the South East of South Africa. Once in Zimbabwe they were fairly safe and dominated the indigenous peoples.

Zimbabwe means the King's or Chief's Capital. Great Zimbabwe was the capital of the Great King of all the Shona peoples, smaller Zimbabwe's have been discovered from as far south as over the Botswana border, into Zaire and to the East right to the Mozambique coastline. Bulawayo by the way meant the capital of the Matabele's and changed places to wherever the Matabele King was located at the time.

We spent about three days searching and as young men do mucking about inside and around the City, before deciding to return to Gwelo as a lift was going begging.

One final thing, on our way back to Bulawayo we got a lift with a white man and his native worker. The vehicle was a Ute so we were in the back again. The last 30 miles or so was in dusk,the sun had just gone down. As it got darker and darker we could see an animal about the size of a Lion running Parallel with us and gradually closing the gap between us. My pal said "its a Bloody Lion". I had to agree with him and banged on the roof of the cab but there was no response. As the 'Lion' came closer and closer we started to slide down into the body of the ute. "Can a Lion jump up here on the run" my friend asked. I told him no, but in my mind knew it

could.

I thought my last day had come as the animal came quite close to us, but there was just enough light to see it was a Donkey or Ass. I had never hugged a male before other than my Dad an
d Brothers, but for a few seconds we clung to each other in sheer relief. The Donkey gradually ran out of energy and was lost in the dark, I hope he survived.

Thats all for now, next time perhaps it will be Cable and Wireless or maybe the good old days of Rtty in the Department of Civil Aviation.

WEEKLY SOLAR AND GEOPHYSICAL REPORT

(19 APRIL - 25 APRIL)

DATED 26TH APRIL 1996

SUMMARY

Date	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10cm	70	71	74	72	71	68	67
A	23	12	12	10	13	5 (	5 ESTIMATED)
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SOLAR ACTIVITY WAS VERY LOW ALL WEEK, EXCEPT FOR 22 APRIL WHEN ACTIVITY WAS MODERATE.
THE GEOMAGNETIC FIELD AT LEARMONTH W.A. WAS ACTIVE ON 19TH APRIL, UNSETTLED TO ACTIVE 20TH TO 21ST, QUIET TO UNSETTLED 22ND TO 23RD, AND QUIET 24TH TO 25TH.
MAXIMUM USABLE FREQUENCIES AT SYDNEY WERE MOSTLY NEAR PREDICTED MONTHLY VALUES, EXCEPT FOR DEPRESSIONS TO 15 TO 30 PER CENT TO 0800 UT ON 19TH AND 20TH, AND DEPRESSIONS OF 15 TO 30 PER CENT TO 0900 UT ON 21ST APRIL. SPREAD F WAS OBSERVED DURING LOCAL NIGHT FROM 19TH TO 22ND.

FORECAST (26 APRIL - 02 MAY)

SOLAR: VERY LOW

GEOMAGNETIC: MOSTLY QUIET TO UNSETTLED.

FREQUENCIES: NEAR PREDICTED MONTHLY VALUES.

COURTESY OF IPS RADIO AND SPACE SERVICES

RTDX0426 RTTY DX

VK2SG RTTY DXNOTES FOR WEEKENDING 26 APRIL 96 (BID RTDX0426)

Our information this week came from: DJ3IW and the Central Europe Cluster DB0SPC, I5FLN and the IK5PWJ Packet Cluster, OH2/K8MN, OH2BUA, VE9AA, W2JGR and the NJ0M node the Twin-Cities DX Packet Cluster, W5KSI, and W7IJ. Thank you all for your assistance.

Bandpass
Friday 19
1310-14085 ES7FQ

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1313-14086  UT7FP
1318-14082  A92GD
1456-14082  C94AI
1702-14084  YB5NOF/8
1709-14082  A92GD
1720-14083  VU2YK
1753-14085  Z21HD
1926-14085  OD5PL
2032-14082  A92GD

Saturday 20
0859-14080  IS0IIT
0903-14086  CN8LI
0949-14089 A2AO
1100-14084  UN2P
1414-14089  4X6UO
1723-14086  9Q5PAU
1954-10127  TJ9RA
2121-14082  K1VV/IMD
2242-14080  FM5DN

Sunday 21
0020-14086  HC8K Galapagos QSL HC5K
0945-14079  A71BH
1222-14080  8P6DY
1359-18098  A71BH
1422-14081  GU0DUP
1429-14084  SV2ASP/A
1453-14081  VU2RAK
1459-14082  3Z6AEF
1518-14082  VU2RAK
1543-14086  4L1DX
1548-14069  J28JJ/7O See Note
1606-14069  J28JJ/7O
1614-14084  CU3EM

Monday 22
0248- 7091  A3BB
1241-21082  J28JJ/7O
1653-14085  C94AI
1720-14085  Z21HD
2048-14082  CT1AOW
2049-14082  S92JR

Tuesday 23
0007-14085  OA4BR
0820-14088  EM5U
1235-14081  YL2DX
1246-14081  JX7DFA
1356-14086  C94AI
1439-14081  OA4BR
1648-14086  4L1BR
1721-14086  EA6EZY
1735-14087  J28JJ/7O
1813-14088  CN8GZ INVERTED
1815-14089  UR5FD
1830-14082  4L1BR
2025-14083  CU3EM

Wednesday 24
0844-21085  C94AI
1210-14085  YI1GHF
1225-14085  UA2AO
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1606-14085  C94AI
1623-14082  C94AI
1951-14083  HAM2VB
2043-14087  KP4RV QSL KD8IW
2105-14086  4X6UO
2239-14086  HP1XBH

Thursday 25
0822-14082  C94AI
0824-14085  EV1OR
0847-21083  C94AI
1006-14083  YI1WMS
1201-14084  US9QA
1207-14086  A71BH
1225-14082  US9QA
1235-14081  ES7QF
1250-14089  UN2P
1317-14089  JX7DFA
1459-14083  J28JJ/7O
1525-14080  UA2AO
1529-14086  ES7QF
1530-14088  IS0IIT
1533-14083  SV1CDN/3
1728-14085  A71BH
1951-14083  HAM2VB
2043-14087  KP4KV
2105-14086  4X6UO
2239-14086  HP1XBH

Notes of interest:

SABLE ISLAND,  OPPS! In RTDX0419, the implicatn that the group
going  to  Sable Island in October is part of the  group  that
will  be  QRV  18  June-2 July was  in  error.  They  are  not
associated.

YEMEN,  7O.  Luciano,  I5FLN was in contact with Jean Jacques,
J28JJ/7O  and  was told that he will be in Yemen  moving  from
Saana to Aden until the 25 of the month.  On the 21st,  he was
in Aden using a vertical antenna and 100 watts. QSL via F6HGO.

ANGUILLA,  VP2E.  JH4IFF and JH4EZI will be QRV on CW, SSB and
RTTY from 29 April to 3 May as VP2EFF and VP2EZI respectively.
QSL via home call.

ALAND  ISLAND,  OH0.  Dave,  K8MN will be QRV as OH0/K8MN this
weekend from 2200 zulu Friday 26 April to 1300 zulu Sunday  28
April  on  all bands and all modes.  As usual his  manager  is
WA8JOC.  Bureau  cards for this trip only go to his own  call,
K8MN.

THE VK2SG RTTY DXNOTES are also available on Internet at
reflectors dx@ve7tcp.ampr.org, and digital-dx@st.rim.or.jp.
See also the OH2BUA WebCluster at URL
http://www.clinet.fi/~jukka/webcluster.html

For next week's bulletin send your bandpass to
Jules, W2JGR at W5KSI.#NOLA.LA.USA.NA

REMEMBER, DX DON'T SLEEP.
GL DE BOB, WB2CJL AT W5KSI.#NOLA.LA.USA.NA

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COMING EVENTS

APRIL	27TH-28TH	SP DX RTTY
MAY	11TH-12TH	VOLTA RTTY DX
JUNE	8TH-9TH	ANARTS WW DIGITAL CONTEST

FOR DISPOSAL

1. TRANSCEIVER YAESU FT107/M (AM/SSB) 12VDC/240AC INCLUDING (SORRY NO MICROPHONE) SOLD AS IS DB300 ONO.
2. PACTOR CONTROLLERS (2 OFF) PACCOMM ONE WITH CABLE ONE WITHOUT. DB100 ONO.

TELEPHONE (02) 4516314. NO REASONABLE OFFER REFUSED

WANTED: MANUAL OR PHOTOCOPY FOR KDK FM 2033. ALL COPYING COSTS MET. PH. (02) 4526314.

Society Information

The Society may be contacted at : PO Box 860, Crows Nest 2065 Australia, for such matters as membership and general enquiries. Enquiries can also be made by packet to the President(Col) VK2CTD at VK2DAA, or the Secretary (Pat) VK2JPA at VK2WI.

News items may be sent to Broadcast Officer PO Box 60 Blacktown 2148 Australia, or by packet to VK2JPA at VK2WI. Email address for the Broadcast Officer is :

patl(at)pitt.conmusic.su.oz.au
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The Society welcomes news items on any digital subjects from anywhere in the broadcast coverage area. We are looking for-ward to news from your areas to let other amateurs know what you are doing in the hobby. Hope to hear from you.

73s de Pat VK2JPA Broadcast Officer

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